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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, PHUM, RW, BY
SUBJECT: SITUATION UPDATE ON REACTION TO FRENCH
- INTERVENTION IN RWANDA

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE HUGE DEMONSTRATION YESTERDAY ORGANIZED BY OPPOSITION PARTIES TERMINATED AT PRINCE RWAGASORE STADIUM IN AN ORDERLY FASHION. UPRONA PARLIAMENTARIAN FRANCOIS NGEZE, FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER, AS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER TO THE CROWD VILIFIED THE FRENCH ROLE IN RWANDA SINCE THE ONSET OF THE WAR IN OCTOBER 1990. NGEZE ACCUSED THE GOF OF CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE RWANDAN PRESIDENTIAL GUARD
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AND DREADED MILITIA; HE CALLED THE "SO-CALLED HUMANITARIAN ACTION" TOO LATE. THE GRB WAS WARNED NOT TO ALLOW FRENCH AIRCRAFT OR OTHER MEANS OF TRANSPORT TO TRANSIT BURUNDI TERRITORY.

3. ON THE KIRUNDI NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT, FORMIN NGENDAHAYO SPELLED OUT IN AN INTERVIEW THE GRB'S POSITION ON THE FRENCH INTERVENTION. ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES, NGENDAHAYO'S RESPONSES FOLLOWED THE CLEAR ENUNCIATION THAT THE MINISTER PROVIDED TO U.S. CHARGE YESTERDAY: ESSENTIALLY BURUNDI WILL MAINTAIN ITS NEUTRALITY VIS-A-VIS RWANDAN BELLIGERENTS, CONTINUE DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL EFFORTS AND PARTICIPATE IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ASSISTANCE BUT CANNOT BE A PART OF RELATED MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE FRENCH INITIATIVE.

4. AT TODAY'S LUNCHEON GATHERING OF THE WESTERN CHIEFS OF MISSION, FRENCH AMBASSADOR NOTED HIS EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS EXPRESSING INDIGNATION AT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE. NONE OF THESE, HE SAID, WAS UNDULY MENACING. THE FRENCH ENVOY REMINDED THAT SINCE OCTOBER 1993, FRANCE HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OFTEN USED WHEN BURUNDIANS SEEK TO PROJECT ELSEWHERE THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THE

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GROUP TENDED TO AGREE THAT YESTERDAY'S LARGE
DEMONSTRATION ALSO SERVED THE PURPOSE OF RALLYING
TUTSI OPPOSITION FORCES WHICH COULD BRING MORE
COALESCING AND THEIR STANCE ON INTERNAL POLITICS.
BEFORE LUNCH ENDED, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A
CALL FROM HIS CHANCERY NOTIFYING HIM THAT A GROUP OF
FRENCH EXPATRIATES RESIDENT IN BURUNDI HAD DELIVERED
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A COPY OF A LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT MITTERAND
OBJECTING TO THE RWANDA INTERVENTION.

5. A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE INTERVENTION BY
RWANDAN REFUGEES IN BUJUMBURA WAS RUMORED LATE THIS
MORNING. HOWEVER, GRB OFFICIALS REFUSED A PERMIT
AND THE DAY PASSED ROUTINELY WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT SUCH
EVENT. EMBASSY IS TRACKING TO SEE IF LOCAL RWANDANS
RENEW THEIR REQUEST.

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